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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Eric H. Kawashima et al.

Application No.: 09/402,260

Filed: September 30, 1999

For: Method of Nucleic Acid Sequencing

Examiner: C. Wilder

Art Unit: 1655

PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 26, 2000 for one month, from March 26, 2001 to April 26, 2001.

Please charge the fee of \$110.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account. This petition is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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